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Introduction

The 7th edition of the International Symposium on Farm machinery and Processes Management in Sustainable Agriculture takes place in Gembloux, Belgium. This Symposium is organized every two years and is the result of a fruitful collaboration between the Lublin University of Life Sciences of Lublin (UP-Lublin) and the Walloon Agricultural Research Centre (CRA-W). Moreover, EurAgEng kindly supports and sponsors the event.

Sustainable Agriculture is more than never a topical subject. The European Agriculture has to be developed in a more and more restricting framework from the point of view of economic, environmental and societal levels. Each year brings its new constraints as European Directives, Global Market, rules... But these constraints must be seen as opportunities that allow developing Agriculture more durable, more balanced and meeting the needs of all stakeholders without compromising future generation.

This Symposium has two main objectives. First is to bring a stone to the building of a more sustainable Agriculture. Researchers present their latest results on their on-going research in various fields such as novel technologies, management, processes for all compartments and aspects of the Agriculture.

Secondly, from the early beginning this Symposium tries to build a bridge between Eastern and Western countries of Europe. This year we get contributions from 12 countries (Belarus, Belgium; Bulgaria, Czech Republic; Estonia; France; Greece, Iraq; Poland; Portugal, Slovakia; Ukraine) showing this link. These exchanges allowed developing common projects and researches since several year.

Sustainability is not an empty word. It is a driving force for development a new Agriculture that has for now to answer so many challenging issues. This Symposium will be once again the platform for an international synergy and cooperation between researchers from different countries, working all on specific areas related to sustainable agriculture.

The Organizing Committee